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SUBJ: CONVERSATIOM WITH GUMO LEADER JOANA SIMIAO

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 0222

SUMMARY: SIMIAO CALLED AT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS GUMO OBJECTIVES, AND HER CURRENT DESIRE TO GO TO NEW YORK TO SPEAK BEFORE COMMITTEE OF 24. SIMIAO LEFT LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY ASKING USG SUPPORT AT UN. END SUMMARY.

1. SIMIAO CAME TO EMBASSY APRIL 11 AND DISCUSSED GUMO PLANS WITH EMBOFFS. SAID SHE HAD APRIL 10 SUBMITTED DOSSIER TO OVERSEAS MINISTER EXPLAINING THAT TIME HAS COME TO FACE INTERNATIONAL OPINION IN FORM OF UN COMMITTEE OF 24. COVERING LETTER TO MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT GUMO RECOGNIZES LISBON'S SOVEREIGNTY IN MOZAMBIQUE AND CALLS FOR APPLICATION OF 1971 AUTONOMY REFORMS TO PERMIT POLITICAL PROGRESS IN MOZAMBIQUE. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. SIMIAO EXPLAINED PURPOSES OF GUMO, AND THE HOPES OF ITS LEADERSHIP, AIMED AT MIDDLE PATH BETWEEN FRELIMO AND CONSERVATIVE GOP POLICY. SAID GUMO SEEKING CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. SHE EXPLAINED THAT GUMO WISHES TO BE HEARD BEFORE COMMITTEE OF 24, BUT NOT AS PART OF GOP DELEGATION. SAID THAT IF GOP DID NOT PERMIT HER TO GO TO NEW YORK,OR ANOTHER GUMO LEADER (FROM PARIS) WOULD ATTEND.
- 3. SIMIAO GAVE EMBOFFS LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY EXPLAINING GUMO OBJECTIVES AND INTENTIONS TO MEET WITH COMMITTEE OF 24. LETTER SAYS GUMO SEEKS SUPPORT OF US DELEGATION TO THE EXTENT OF NOT RAISING "BARRIERS" TO GUMO APPEARANCE BEFORE COMMITTEE. SIMIAO LETTER ADDS THAT WHILE US NOT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, GIVEN US ROLE AND INFLUENCE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY MODERATES OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA, US IN POSITION TO FACILITATE GUMO'S TASK. LETTER POUCHED EUR/IB.
- 4. SIMIAO IS TOLERATED, AND POSSIBLE EVEN SUPPORTED, BY GOP. STILL, WE BELIEVE IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR LETTER TO BE ANSWERED BY WASHINGTON OFFICIAL, MUCH LESS SECRETARY. WE PROPOSE SEND HER ACKNOWLEDGMENT SIGNED BY DCM (TO WHOM LETTER PRESENTED) WITH ASSURANCE THAT LETTER FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON AND USUN INFORMED. IN OUR VIEW THIS WILL SATISFY SIMIAO AND NOT RISK OFFENSE TO GOP. SIMIAO PLANS TO REMAIN IN LISBON ABOUT ONE WEEK, LEAVING THEN FOR NEW YORK (IF GOP'S PERMISSION IS GRANTED) OR FOR RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE.
- 5. IN CONVERSATION LATER APRIL 11, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR TOLD DCM THAT FOLLOWING APPROACH TO OVERSEAS MINISTER BY SIMIAO, OVERSEAS MINISTER HAD RECOMMENDED TO FONMIN PATRICION THAT SHE BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK AND UN. ASKED FOR OPINION, DCM SAID SIMIAO WOULD PROBABLY TESTIFY AGAINST FRELIMO BUT NOT FULLY IN SUPPORT OF PRESENT GOP POLICY.

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